

**LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE**

**6.2 LIFELINE PROGRAM**

**6.2.1 General**

- A. Lifeline Assistance is a non-transferable retail service offering for which qualifying low-income subscribers pay reduced charges, as provided for below. Lifeline Assistance enables eligible subscribers to pay reduced charges for voice telephony service that includes the following services: voice-grade access to the public switched network; local usage; access to emergency services; and toll limitation.
- B. The Lifeline credit available to an eligible customer in South Carolina is equal to the total of federal support as established by the Federal Communications Commission and state support as established by the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. The amount of credit will not exceed the charge for local service, which includes the access line, the Subscriber Line Charge and local usage.
- C. The Company shall apply the baseline payments received by the administrator of the federal Lifeline Assistance program to waive the qualifying customer's federal End-User Common Line Charge. The Company shall apply any additional federal support amount to the qualifying customer's basic local exchange service rate.
- D. The Lifeline Program reduction to voice telephony service shall apply only to residential service. Qualifying customers must subscribe to a generally available residential service plan or package that includes voice telephony service that is made available in the Company's service area.
- E. Partial payments that are received from Lifeline customers shall first be applied to voice telephony charges and then to any outstanding charges for additional services.
- F. Nothing in this Section shall prohibit a customer who is otherwise eligible for the Lifeline Program from obtaining and using telecommunications equipment and services designed to aid such customer in utilizing qualifying telecommunications services.
- G. The Lifeline Program rate reduction does not apply to Service Connection Charges.
- H. The Lifeline Program rate will not be available on a retroactive basis.

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6.2 LIFELINE PROGRAM (Cont'd)

6.2.2 Eligibility and Certification Requirements

A. Subscribers are eligible for Lifeline Assistance if:

1. The subscriber's household income is at or below 135 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, or
2. The subscriber, or one or more of the subscriber's dependents or the subscriber's household, receives benefits from at least one of the following qualifying programs:

Medicaid;  
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as Food Stamps;  
Supplemental Security Income (SSI);  
Federal Public Housing Assistance;  
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP);  
National School Lunch Program's free lunch program;  
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

3. Other eligibility requirements may be established by the Commission.

B. Each subscriber to Lifeline Assistance must provide documentation of income-based or program-based eligibility and certify in writing to the Company, under penalty of perjury, that s/he receives benefits under a program outlined in paragraph A. above, and must on that same document, agree to notify the Company if s/he ceases to participate in the program(s) or to meet income eligibility requirements. The certification form shall conform to the requirements described herein, and shall be made available upon request to any subscriber. The Company shall retain all such subscriber certifications in order to furnish proof of subscriber eligibility as may be required from time to time by Universal Service administrators.

C. A subscriber may elect at the time of subscription to Lifeline Assistance to receive toll limitation as part of Lifeline Assistance. "Toll limitation" is a service that allows a subscriber to elect not to allow the completion of outgoing toll calls from the subscriber's residence.

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6.2 LIFELINE PROGRAM (Cont'd)

6.2.3 Restrictions

- A. Only one Lifeline Assistance credit is available per household.

6.2.4 Recertification

- A. Customers must recertify on an annual basis that they continue to qualify for the discounted service.

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**LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE**

**6.2 LIFELINE PROGRAM (Cont'd)**

**6.2.5 Credit and Collection**

**A. Credit References**

The credit verification procedures used for all applicants who apply for service with the Company will also be used for applicants who apply for service under the Lifeline Program.

**B. Deposits**

The Company may not collect a service deposit in order to initiate Lifeline Assistance if the qualifying low-income subscriber voluntarily elects toll blocking from the Company, where available or if the qualifying low-income subscriber elects a calling plan that does not distinguish between toll and non-toll calls in its pricing. If toll blocking is unavailable, then the Company may charge a service deposit.

**6.2.6 Service Connection Charges**

**A.** Secondary Service charges do not apply to eligible customers with existing residential access line service when they convert to the Lifeline Program.

**B.** Service Connection Charges will apply when:

1. Existing eligible residential Local Exchange Service customers also convert to a different grade of eligible residential service and/or Optional Calling Services at the time the Lifeline Program billing is initiated.
2. A customer receiving Lifeline Program billing voluntarily elects to convert to telephone service arrangements which preclude Lifeline Program eligibility.
3. New residential applicants (those without existing Local Exchange Service) eligible for the Lifeline Program will be subject to applicable Service Connection Charges.

**C.** Any subsequent moves or changes after the initial connection to the Lifeline Program will be subject to the applicable Service Charges as outlined in Section 18 of this Tariff.

LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

6.1 APPLICATION OF RATES, CHARGES AND REGULATIONS

6.1.1 Local Flat Rate Service

- A. Local exchange access service rates and charges as specified in this tariff are for only local exchange service and facilities of the Company within the Company's exchange service area as approved by the Commission.
- B. The furnishing of communications services by the Company is also subject to the rates, charges, rules and regulations of this General Subscriber Services Tariff as it now exists or as it may be revised, added to, or supplemented by superseding issues, and these rates are hereby made a part of these local exchange service tariffs.
- C. This tariff cancels and supersedes all other local exchange service tariffs issued and effective prior to the effective date of these tariffs.
- D. Unless otherwise specified, the rates and charges listed in this tariff are payable for a period of one month, in advance, and entitle the customer to unlimited, flat rate calling.
- E. The Home Telephone Company, Inc. offers single party residence and business service throughout its service area.
- F. Rates and Charges for this service and other miscellaneous services can be found in Section 18 of this Tariff.

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**LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE****6.1 APPLICATION OF RATES, CHARGES AND REGULATIONS (Cont'd)****6.1.2 Local Calling Areas**

The local exchange rates authorized by the South Carolina Public Service Commission, listed in Section 18.3, entitle subscribers to access all exchange access lines: (1) bearing the central office designations of the subscriber's exchange, (2) the central office designation(s) of additional exchanges or central offices as follows:

Exchange/NXXExchanges in Local Calling Area

Moncks Corner  
(482, 719, 761, 899)

Cross (753)  
Huger (336)  
Jamestown (257)  
Lebanon (688)  
Macedonia (565)

Harleyville  
462

The following exchanges in Berkeley County have free dialing Expanded Area Service (EAS) with each other: Moncks Corner, Huger, Jamestown, Lebanon, Macedonia, and Cross.

The Harleyville Exchange located in Dorchester County has free dialing Expanded Area Service (EAS) with St. George, a BellSouth Exchange

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**RATES AND CHARGES**

**18.2 SERVICE CHARGES (Cont'd)**

**18.2.7 Returned Check Charge**

Per Occasion

The returned check charge will be equal to, or less than, the rate allowed by S.C. Code Ann. § 34-11-70 (Supp. 1998).

**18.2.8 Late Payment Charge**

The Company may establish a Late Payment Charge as it deems appropriate subject to the maximum amounts and the exceptions contained in South Carolina Public Service Commission Reg. 103-622.2.

**18.3 LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE CHARGES**

The following charges are assessed for the services listed in Section 6 of this tariff.

**18.3.1 Flat Rate Service**

A. Moncks Corner Exchange  
Monthly Rate

	<u>Residence</u>		<u>Business</u>
Individual Line, Per Line	\$15.62	(I)	\$28.70
PBX Trunk, Per Trunk			\$42.50
Key System, Per Line			\$28.70
Public Telephone Access Service			\$28.70

B. Harleyville Exchange

Individual Line, Per Line	\$15.62	(I)	\$28.70
PBX Trunk, Per Trunk			\$33.75
Key System, Per Line			\$28.70
Public Telephone Access Service			\$28.70

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GENERAL SUBSCRIBER SERVICES TARIFF  
SOUTH CAROLINA**

**SECTION 18  
ORIGINAL SHEET NO. 7**

**RATES AND CHARGES**

**18.3 LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE CHARGES (Cont'd)**

**18.3.2 Verification and Emergency Interrupt Service**

	<u>Rate</u>
A. Verification Request	
1. Each Request.....	\$6.45
B. Emergency Interrupt Request	
1. Each Request.....	\$6.45

A charge for a Verification  
Request also applies.

**18.3.3 Local Directory Assistance**

Directory Assistance Within Exchanges Served by the Company

	<u>Rate</u>
<u>Residence</u>	
Per Call, after allowance of three (3) free calls	\$1.25
<u>Business</u>	
Per Call, after allowance of three (3) free calls	\$1.25

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**RATES AND CHARGES****18.3 LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE CHARGES (Cont'd)****18.3.4 Touch Calling Service (Pushbutton Dialing)**

Business (per line)	\$ 0.00
Residence (per line)	\$ 0.00

**18.3.5 Employee Telephone Service**

All fulltime active employees of the Company will be furnished local service at no charge.

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18.3 LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE CHARGES (Cont'd)

18.3.6 Home Local Calling Service

A. Seven-Digit Dial Option

Residential or Business customers not electing any of the options listed below, but electing to complete IntraLATA calls through this service by placing a seven-digit dialed call will not incur any additional monthly service charge. The caller will be subject to a usage charge as follows:

<u>Area Called</u>	<u>Rate Per Minute or Fraction thereof</u>
Expanded Local Service Area	\$0.05

B. Measured Rate Option

1. All customers may select the following option. For those customers choosing this option, the monthly rates as follows will apply to the customer's account in addition to the appropriate Exchange Access Line Rate specified in Section 18.3.1 preceding.

<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Business</u>
Individual Line, Per Line	\$0.50	\$3.00
PBX Trunk, Per Trunk		\$3.00
Key System, Per Line		\$3.00

2. Usage Charges

The following charges apply for customer dialed and operator handled local calls for Home Local Calling Measure Rate Option subscribers:

<u>Area Called</u>	<u>Rate Per Minute or Fraction thereof</u>
Expanded Local Service Area	\$0.035

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**RATES AND CHARGES**

**18.3 LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE CHARGES (Cont'd)**

**18.3.6 Home Local Calling Service (Cont'd)**

C. Flat Rate Option

1. Residential customers may select the following option. For those customers choosing this option, the monthly rates as follows will apply to the customer's account in addition to the appropriate Exchange Access Line Rate specified in Section 18.3.1 preceding. The Flat Rate Option is not available in the Midlands Calling Zone (Harleyville Exchange).

Monthly Rate

Individual Residential Line, Per Line	\$14.60
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2. Usage Charges

The following charges apply for customer dialed and operator handled local calls for residential Home Local Calling Flat Rate Option subscribers:

<u>Area Called</u>	<u>Rate Per Minute or Fraction thereof</u>
Tri-County Expanded Local Service Area	\$0.00
Coastal Calling Zones outside Tri-County Area	\$0.045

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**RATES AND CHARGES**

**18.3 LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE CHARGES (Cont'd)**

**18.3.6 Home Local Calling Service (Cont'd)**

**D. Home Local Calling Service Business Options**

A Business subscriber may choose one of the following options to further reduce expanded local service area usage charges. The monthly rate for the following options applies to the customers account in addition the appropriate Exchange Access Line Rate and the rate specified in Section 18.3.1 preceding. These options are available to Business Customers only.

**1. Measured Rate Option B**

	<u>Monthly Rate</u>
Per Business Line, Key Line, or PBX Trunk	\$10.00
Usage Charge	\$ 0.067

**2. Measured Rate Option C**

	<u>Monthly Rate</u>
Per Business Line, Key Line, or PBX Trunk	\$22.00
Usage Charge	\$ 0.045

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**18.3 LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE CHARGES (Cont'd)**

**18.3.6 Home Local Calling Service (Cont'd)**

**D. Home Local Calling Service Business Options (Cont'd)**

**3. Capped Options**

Capped options are available to business customers. These packages provide a package of minutes at a specified monthly fee. Minutes in excess of that included with the plan may be purchased as specified with each capped plan. Call detail is not included with this plan but may be purchased at the rate detailed below.

	<u>Minutes Included</u>	<u>Additional Monthly Charge</u>	<u>Rate Per Minute In Excess of Included Minutes</u>	
Capped Option A	125 Minutes	\$ 5.00	\$0.05	
Capped Option B	325 Minutes	\$13.00	\$0.04	
Capped Option C	1,200 Minutes	\$24.00	\$0.03	(C)
Capped Option D	2,500 Minutes	\$50.00	\$0.02	(N)
Capped Option E	5,000 Minutes	\$75.00	\$0.02	(N)
Call Detail		\$2.00		

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**18.3 LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE CHARGES (Cont'd)**

**18.3.7 Network Access Register (NAR)**

	<u>Monthly Rate</u>
Per NAR	\$19.15

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**Home Telephone ILEC, LLC (SAC 240527)**

**Response to Line 3010 – Milestone Certification (47 CFR §54.313(f)(1)(i))**

Home Telephone ILEC, LLC (SAC 240527) hereby certifies that throughout 2014, it took reasonable steps to provide upon reasonable request broadband service at actual speeds of at least 4 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream, and currently, it is taking reasonable steps to provide upon reasonable request actual speeds of at least 10 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream broadband service at with latency suitable for real-time applications, including Voice over Internet Protocol, and usage capacity that is reasonably comparable to comparable offerings in urban areas as determined in an annual survey, and that requests for such service are met within a reasonable amount of time.

**Home Telephone ILEC, LLC (SAC 240527)**

**Response to Line 3012 - List of Community Anchor Institutions to Which the ETC Newly Began Providing Service**

The FCC's *USF/ICC Transformation Order* requires a listing of community anchor institutions to which the ETC newly began providing broadband service. As an incumbent LEC, Home provides broadband service to all community anchor institutions requesting service in its service area. Home hereby provides the FCC with a list of community anchor institutions, to which it newly began providing broadband service or have added service since July, 2014.<sup>1</sup>

Name	Address
1. Abiding Word Family Ministries	227 Abiding Way Moncks Corner
2. Berkeley County Government	Moncks Corner Branch 1003 Hwy 52 Moncks Corner
3. Joshua United Methodist Church	3097 Old Hwy 52 Moncks Corner
4. Providence Wesleyan Church Parsonage	2098 State Rd Summerville
5. Rock Hill Baptist Church	Hwy 17-A Moncks Corner
6. SC Employment Security Commission	107 E Main St Moncks Corner
7. St Johns Christian Academy	204 W Main St Moncks Corner
8. US Postal Service	Harleyville



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**ATTACHMENT - LINE 3026**

**ATTACHMENT REDACTED IN ENTIRETY**